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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

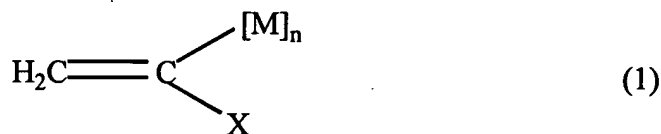
Please amend claims 1 and 6 - 11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for producing an aqueous resin dispersion composition comprising:

preparing a monomer mixture containing a first monomer having a carboxyl group and a second monomer having a hydrophobic group, the monomer mixture containing the first monomer in a proportion of 10 to 75% by mole;

forming a macromonomer by radical polymerizing the monomer mixture at a temperature of from 180 to 350°C, wherein the macromonomer has an ethylenically unsaturated bond at an end, represented by the following formula (1),



where X represents a polar group, M represents a monomer unit, and the character n stands for a natural number representing the degree of polymerization;

neutralizing the macromonomer to obtain a neutralized macromonomer having an ethylenically unsaturated bond at least at one end thereof; and

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emulsion polymerizing at least one vinyl monomer in an aqueous solvent using the
neutralized macromonomer as an emulsifier.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a base selected from the
group consisting of ammonia and a low boiling-point amine compound having a boiling point of
140°C or lower is used in the neutralizing.

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7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the neutralized
macromonomer has a number average molecular weight of 500 to 5000.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the
neutralized macromonomer used in the emulsion polymerizing is 0.5 to 80 parts by weight, per
100 parts by weight of the vinyl monomer.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the first monomer is at
least one compound selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic
acid, vinylacetic acid, acryloxypropionic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, mesaconic acid,
citraconic acid, itaconic acid, and maleic anhydride.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the second monomer is at
least one compound selected from the group consisting of monomers having solubility to water
of 2% wt or less at 20°C.